

18. A composition according to Claim 17, wherein said divalent salt is made of earth alkaline metal salts selected from magnesium, calcium and mixtures thereof.

19. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said divalent salt is selected from magnesium sulphate, magnesium bicarbonate, magnesium chloride, magnesium borate, magnesium citrate, and mixtures thereof.

20. A composition according to Claim 19, wherein said divalent salt is selected from magnesium sulphate, magnesium chloride and mixtures thereof

21. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 0.01% to 90% by weight of the composition.

22. A composition according to Claim 21, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 0.5% to 90% by weight of the composition.

23. A composition according to Claim 22, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 1% to 20% by weight of the composition.

24. A composition according to Claim 23, wherein said divalent salt is present in an amount of from 3% to 10% by weight of the composition.

25. A method for preventing or reducing the colour fading of fabrics which comprises the steps of contacting the fabric with a divalent salt or composition as defined in Claim 1.

26. A method according to Claim 25, wherein said method is performed in a domestic process.

27. A method according to Claim 26, wherein said method is performed in a rinse process.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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